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### **FERTILISER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLONAL MOTHER BUSHES**

*This Advisory Circular replaces Circular No. F 18, Serial No.08/94, issued in June 1994 on the use of fertiliser for clonal mother bushes.*

#### **1.0 Fertiliser mixture for clonal mother bushes**

The mixture T200 is recommended for clonal mother bushes

#### **1.1 Composition of T200**

100 parts	Sulphate of ammonia	(20.6% N)
50 parts	Eppawela rock phosphate	(28.5% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )
25 parts	Muriate of potash	(60% K <sub>2</sub> O)
25 parts	Kieserite	(24% MgO)
<u>200 parts</u>		

The mixture contains approximately 10.3% N, 6.9% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 7.5% K<sub>2</sub>O and 3.0% MgO.

#### **1.1.1 Dosage and frequency of application**

Applications can commence approximately two months after planting. Apply T200 at the rates of 21 g per plant per application four times in the 1st year, and 28, 42, and 56 to 84 g per plant per application four times in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years, respectively.

The number of applications is four in each year.

#### **2 Foliar application of zinc sulphate**

Foliar application of zinc sulphate for clonal mother bushes should be made with knapsack sprayers. A 2% solution of zinc sulphate (i.e. 8 kg in 400 l of water per ha) is recommended. Zinc sulphate should be applied 2 weeks prior to harvesting the cuttings.

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